



Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois



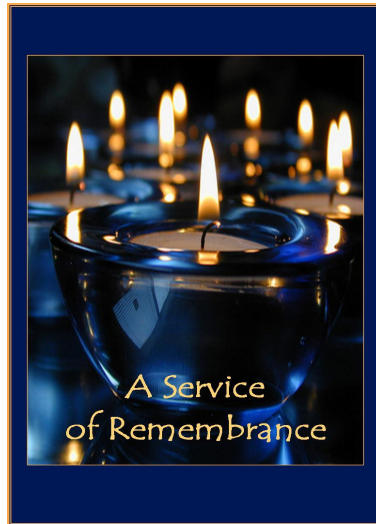
A Service of Remembrance

Our Stephen Ministry Group along with our Elders and Fellowship are planning a very special event for Sunday, November 7th at 4pm. A "Service of Remembrance" will be held to give each of us an opportunity to remember loved ones, family or friends, who have passed away. Each name will be mentioned as we celebrate their lives with music, poetry and prayers. Those honored need not be members of the church. This event promises to be most meaningful to all who attend.

The service will be followed by a Pot Luck dinner at 5pm. Please answer the poll in this Evite to let us know that you are attending the service, the dinner or both. There will also be a sign up sheet in Friendship Hall for the Pot Luck.

You may submit the name of the person you would like to remember and anything additional you would like said about them to the church office.

Please make plans to attend.



November 2010 Newsletter

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**REVIVE! &
ALIVE!**

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SAVE THESE DATES

December 4

Set Up Outdoor Nativity

December 5

Congregational Meeting

December 12

*Cantata, Children's Pageant
& Tasting Party*

December 24

Candlelight Service

Nelson's Notes

Thanks - Living

Have you ever tried counting the stars? It's impossible. And try counting wind-blown leaves of grass, or grains of sun-sparkled sand. Try applying math to human laughter or divine love. It isn't possible. Count your blessings? They are countless. They are more numerous than the stars. All God gives to create us and keep us alive is incalculable. We are never beyond his watch and merciful care. Yet our privacy and freedom are honored with such subtlety as to allow some to conclude that God isn't here.

Something IS numbered - your days. They are given with purpose: to live fully every breath and heart-beat, to see beauty, and to do what you were meant to do - love.

As for our countless blessings, just give thanks and keep thanking God daily - in all circumstances. If you want to count, stand and be counted for the love of God made clear in Jesus Christ - with absolute commitment to honesty, integrity, truth, courage, and grace. That's Thanks-living!

One Christian sage writes: "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough."

In Christ's Love ~
Nelson



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.. From the Worship Committee



Starting in November, you will no longer see "Hawaiian Bread" at the Communion Table. To preserve the symbolism of the breaking of the bread we will break matzo, unleavened bread.

Prior to this decision we talked with several CCCers and explored the varied perspectives on this aspect of our worship. We feel that the more sanitary and less costly passing of only wafers, will outweigh the taste of the delicious Hawaiian bread.

Help Through the Holiday

Take a proactive approach to coping with grief during the upcoming Christmas season of good cheer... The North Shore University Health System, Home and Hospice Services is holding a special service Tuesday, November 30, 2010, 6:30-8:00 pm at 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie, Illinois.



Keep Smiling!

Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God.

Looking up, he asks the Lord, "God, what does a million years mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A minute."

Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A penny."

Smith asks, "Lord, can I have a penny?"

The Lord replies, "In a minute."

In His Service This Month

Liturgists

11/7/2010	Emily
11/14/2010	NEEDED
11/21/2010	Sean
11/28/2010	Sharon

Elders

11/7/2010	Sharon
11/14/2010	Chris
11/21/2010	Kevin
11/28/2010	Andrea

Deacons

11/7/2010	Bev Callum Chloe Audrey
11/14/2010	Kevin Emma Emily Chuck
11/21/2010	John Diane Susan Ruby
11/28/2010	Sean Amy Gwenna Ann

If you are able to fill a needed position, or are not able to serve on your date, please find someone to replace you and inform the church secretary. Thank you!



NOVEMBER



Upcoming Events

- 11/7 Service of Remembrance, 4pm
- 11/7 All-Church Potluck, 5pm
- 11/10 Soup Kitchen, 4-7pm
- 11/21 General Board Meeting, 11:15am
- 11/27 Hanging of the Greens

Youth Activities are listed on page 5

Ongoing Events

- Worship Services - Sundays, 8 & 10am
- Café 920 - Sundays, 9:20am
- Youth Group Meetings - Sundays, 11:30am-1pm
- Prayer Group - Tuesdays, 9am
- Soup Kitchen - 2nd Wednesday, 4pm
- Choir Practice - Wednesdays, 7pm
- Men's Breakfast - 1st Saturday, 8am
- Women's Coffee Break - 2nd Saturday, 8am

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



.. and the world says good bye to Mr. and Mrs. Unicorn. **Genesis 7**



The next monthly CCC men's breakfast meeting will be Saturday, November 6, from 8-9am in Thompson Hall. We will be discussing the book Who You Are When No One's Looking by Bill Hybels. For the discussion, please read Chapter 2. As always, all are welcome even if you don't get a chance to do the reading assignment -- come for the company!

Books can be picked up and paid for in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate

SAVE THE DATES!

If you have not made it to the women's coffee yet, you don't know what you are missing! We have enjoyed hearty laughs, deeper connections, and some much-needed down time. Please come join us for this meaningful and relaxing time together. You don't need to bring anything but yourself.



Our next dates are Saturday, November 13th and Saturday, December 11th. We meet at 8:00 am at Einstein Brothers Bagels on Milwaukee Avenue. (same location as Flatlanders).

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the church office.

Hope to see you there!

CCC Youth Page

CCC Youth Mission:

**"To gather as friends in a fun, safe environment
to share stories and learn how to center our lives on Christ."**

ALIVE!

5th THROUGH 8th GRADERS

REVIVE!

9th through 12th Graders



What's 2.5 hours?

Yep! It's getting cold out there, but not at CCC...things are just heating up around here! As we approach the Thanksgiving and giving seasons, make sure you keep your Sunday mornings open for CCC. Really, it's just 2.5 hours out of your busy 168 hours each week. The little bit of time you spend here at CCC with your friends and YLT leaders will help make the rest of your 165.5 hours go more smoothly - guaranteed! Reserve your Sunday mornings to be in worship and to be in fellowship with your youth group. You'll be glad you did!

See you Sunday!



November Schedule



11/7	11:30am-1pm	Attic/FH	Revive	Gather2Grow
	11:30am-1pm	Youth Room	Alive	Gather2Grow
11/14	11:30am-1pm	Attic/FH	Revive	Gather2Grow
	11:30am-1pm	Youth Room	Alive	Gather2Grow
11/21	11:30am-1pm	Friendship Hall	Both	Service Project
11/28	11:30am-1pm	Friendship Hall	Both	Breaking Bread



Here's the lineup every Sunday:

9:20-Meet in youth room for wake-up and fellowship

10:00-Worship in the sanctuary. Participate regularly, and volunteer to serve as a deacon and liturgist.

(Ask Judy Mankus if you're interested)

11:00-Meet in youth room or meeting place to eat and hang out.

11:30-Meal/Service Project/Outing or Gather2Grow...we'll give serious thought to important issues in your life, and growing an understanding of Jesus' life and teachings.

12:00-Group games and fellowship.

12:30-Off to a new week!

Sunday School Workshop Rotation for 2010-2011

Test of Faith

Throughout the scriptures people faced many challenges to their faith. From Adam and Eve to you and me, there are times when we do well and live in ways that are pleasing to God. At other times we find ourselves in need of God's grace because we have missed the mark. Through the stories of faith we learn that God's grace is always extended to us.

November – Daniel

December – Christmas Dreams

January – Healing Miracles

February – Garden of Gethsemane

March – Doubting Thomas

April – Pentecost

May – Jonah

Cornerstones Curriculum

<http://www.cstones.com/>



Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Please consider sharing your talents with the children of our church. If you like telling stories, cooking with kids, playing games or arts and crafts, we have a spot for you. Check out this year's schedule in the newsletter or on the Christian Education Board in Friendship Hall. If a story or month works (teaching is a 3 week commitment) out for you, sign up in Friendship Hall. We are always available to answer questions.

2011 CCC Directory Updates

The next two months will fly by, but in January you will get an updated directory. Please let the church office know any changes to your directory listing. The sooner the better!

2011 Directory



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At the same time, the church database will be updated and currently some information is missing. Here's a list of information needed from you about each member of your family:

Current membership status

♦ Active, Inactive, Moved, College Student

Year of Birth

♦ Adults over the age of 20 only

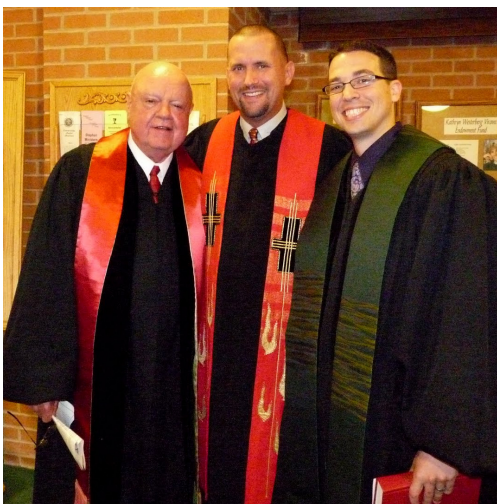
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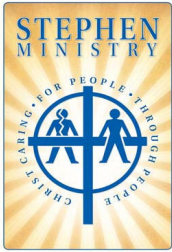
♦ Yes or No

The Ordination of Michael Swartzentruber

October 16, 2010

CCC was honored to host the ordination of Michael R. Swartzentruber on October 16, 2010. Michael attained his Master's of Divinity from the University of Chicago in May. While studying there, Michael served as Disciples Divinity House Scholar and successfully defended his thesis. His service at CCC began as a student intern, after which he served as Sabbatical Minister and finally as Minister of Youth and Young Adults. Participating in Michael's ordination service were his wife Rebecca, his parents Jeff and Mary, and his brother and sister-in-law Phillip and Shannon, as well as members and leaders of the congregation in Lincolnshire and important guests who contributed to the development Michael's ministerial identity, including: Teresa Dulyea-Parker (Regional Minister and President in the Illinois-Wisconsin Region); Christal Williams (Associate Regional Minister in the Illinois-Wisconsin Region; Kristine Culp (Dean of the Disciples Divinity House and Associate Professor at the University of Chicago Divinity School); Nelson Irving (Interim Minister at CCC); Kory Wilcoxson (Senior Minister of Crestwood Christian Church in Lexington, KY); Kevin Boyd (Director of Field Education and Church Relations, University of Chicago Divinity School); and Kerry Wentworth (Minister of South Oldham Church of the Nazarene in Crestwood, KY). The love of God was evident throughout the ordination service, fellowship and celebration. Michael added, "Today was about God, celebrating what we have done and are doing together, and our common call to minister with the gifts God has given us. It will be God's love which fuels the work of ministry that awaits me."





Have You Made Your Thanksgiving List???

Making a Christmas List has been a long established tradition. Somehow itemizing our desires seems totally appropriate, however, listing our endless blessings is generally overlooked.

If the amazing blessing of God's love isn't at the top of your "Thankful List", it might be a good time to meet with a Stephen Minister. Just call the CCC office to make the arrangements.



CCC Needs a Recycling Buddy!

Many of us are trying to reduce the amount of garbage we produce here at CCC. We have been recycling for awhile, but in order to also reduce the expenses of the church, we do not pay for a recycling program. Several people already are CCC recycling buddies, but we need at least one more to coordinate the recycling of the kitchen materials that are stored in the back closet in the Friendship Hall kitchen. If you would like to take on this cause, please take charge or contact the church office for more information.



Learn More About the

CCC Elders

Are you part of a committee at CCC? How is everything going? One of the goals of the elders is to support the committees and their members. It can be overwhelming to function as a group, performing the Lord's good work at our fine church. Please know that the elders are praying for you and your success. If there is anything, in particular you would like them to pray for, please do not hesitate to contact them.

Giggles...

A couple's happy married life almost went on the rocks because of the presence in the household of old Aunt Emma. For seventeen long years she lived with them, always crotchety, always demanding.

Eventually, the old girl passed away.

On the way back from the cemetery, the husband confessed to his wife, "Darling, if I didn't love you so much, I don't think I could have put up with having your Aunt Emma in the house all those years."

His wife looked at him, aghast. "MY Aunt Emma!" she cried. "I thought she was YOUR Aunt Emma!"

Save Your Coffee Tins

Over 30 coffee cans will be needed for Cookie Sunday in January. We will be sending cookies to college students as part of CCC's birthday celebration. Please bring your cans in and place them in the kitchen. Thank you for your help!



Happy Birthday!

Patrick	4
Jeff	9
Tom	11
Maya	11
Noah	11
Avery	12
Mike	13
Zachary	15
Martha	18
Ann	18
Barry	19
Brett	20
Charlie	25
Jim	26
Ethan	26
Babs	27
Katie	29
Dick	29
David	29

Thank You!!

Thank you to those who went to the Soup Kitchen in October where 191 meals were served

Ron
Jim
Ping
Nina
Rich
Pip
Callum
Chris
Char
Borchueh and her friend, Jessie

Thank you to those who helped with Coffee Fellowship in September.

Thank you to Kay and everyone who helped with and attended Michael Swartzentruber's Ordination.

Thank you to Reed and Sandy for hosting the Garage Sale Brunch!



Happy Anniversary!

Charlie and Barbara	2
Bob and Mary	2
Marc and Beth	10
Rich and Alice	24



Long Term Prayer List

When a name is put on the long term prayer list, it will remain there for six months. At the end of that time period, it will be removed. If you feel a name needs to stay on the list beyond six months, simply resubmit the name when it is removed and it will gladly be added.

Alton
 Andrew
 Ann
 Ann, Jim & family
 Ariel & family
 Barb
 Beverly
 Bianca
 Darryl
 George
 Great Grampa
 Jane
 Lesli
 Linda
 Mary
 Nan & John
 National & World Leaders
 Our Pastoral Search Committee
 Our Stephen Ministry
 Our Troops
 Scott
 Tony's family
 Tracy
 Wendy



Short Term Prayer List

Names added to the short term prayer list will appear for three consecutive weeks, after which, if there is need to continue, they will be moved to the long term prayer list.

Denny , Jane, Frank
 Eleanore
 John
 Karen
 Kay
 Mary
 McKenna



Let's Pray Together ...

We invite every man, woman, youth and child to join in praying for our search committee. Pause and pray with us at 6pm each evening, if not then, whenever you can. Just pray daily. Pray for each person on the committee...Pip , Jim , Ping , Perry and Diane. Pray for their strength, patience and discernment. Ask God for a loving, committed Christian minister.

Pray Hard



NOVEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7p Troop 78-FH,S,TH	<div> <div>9a Prayer Group</div> <div>7p Troop 78-FH</div> <div>7:30p Commissioners</div> </div>	<div> <div>7p Choir Practice</div> </div>			<div> <div>LCHS Using Parking Lot</div> <div>8a Men's Breakfast</div> </div>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<div> <div>8a Worship</div> <div>9a Crossroads</div> <div>10a Worship</div> <div>11a Gather2Grow</div> <div>4p Service of Remembrance</div> <div>5p Potluck Dinner</div> </div>	<div> <div>7p Troop 78-FH,S,TH</div> </div>	<div> <div>9a Prayer Group</div> <div>7p Troop 78-FH,S,TH</div> <div>7:30p Roundtable</div> </div>	<div> <div>4p Soup Kitchen</div> <div>7p Choir Practice</div> </div>	<div> <div>No School Veterans' Day</div> </div>	<div> <div>CCIW Regional Assembly</div> <div>No School</div> </div>	<div> <div>CCIW Regional Assembly</div> <div>8a Women's Coffee Break</div> </div>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<div> <div>8a Worship</div> <div>9a Crossroads</div> <div>10a Worship</div> <div>11a Gather2Grow</div> </div>	<div> <div>7p Troop 78-FH,S,TH</div> </div>	<div> <div>9a Prayer Group</div> </div>	<div> <div>7p Choir Practice</div> </div>	<div> <div>6:30p Troop 78</div> </div>		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<div> <div>8a Worship</div> <div>9a Crossroads</div> <div>10a Worship</div> <div>11a Service Project - Food Boxes</div> <div>11:30a Board</div> </div>	<div> <div>7p Troop 78-FH,S,TH</div> </div>	<div> <div>DW No School</div> <div>9a Prayer Group</div> </div>	<div> <div>DW No School</div> <div>7p Choir Practice</div> </div>	<div> <div>No School Thanksgiving Day</div> </div>	<div> <div>No School</div> </div>	<div> <div>9a Hanging of the Greens</div> </div>
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